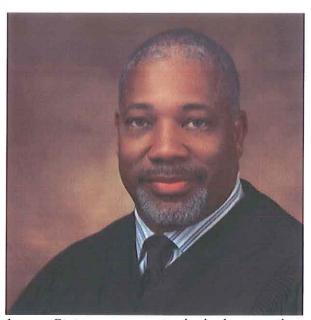
# APPLICATION (Revised April 2008) 22ND CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION CIRCUIT JUDGE

## RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS A NOMINEE.

NAME: MICHAEL WARREN NOBLE



1. State your present principal occupation:

#### ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE, 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

- 2. Are you at least 30 years of age? YES
- 3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? 49 YEARS
  - (b) Have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? **YES**
  - (c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? 31 YEARS
- 4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? YES

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney:

PATENT BAR NUMBER: 55501 DATE: FEBRUARY 2004 (AGENT); JUNE 2005 (ATTORNEY)

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **APRIL 2005** 

**MISSOURI BAR NUMBER: 57093** 

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY – WEST POINT, NY 1988 – BS – GENERAL ENGINEERING, DEAN'S LIST

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – SAINT LOUIS, MO 2004 – JD – ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD – TRIAL ADVOCACY

7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.)

UNITED STATES ARMY
NUCLEAR WEAPONS OFFICER
FIELD ARTILLERY FIRST LEUTENANT

1988-1992

DEKNATEL, INC SURGICAL SALES 600 AIRPORT ROAD FALL RIVER, MA 02720

1992-1993

INFINITY BROADCASTING, WJFK RADIO SALES 10800 MAIN STREET FAIRFAX, VA 22030 1993-1995

SAINT LOUIS CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION 1995-1997
SALES MANAGER
211 NORTH BROADWAY
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102

UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMPANY COMMANDER FIELD ARTILLERY CAPTAIN 1996-2003

BAYER PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP PHARMACEUTICAL SALES 400 MORGAN LANE WEST HAVEN, CT 06516 1997-2001

ARMSTRONG TEASDALE, LLC 2001-2006
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGENT/ASSOCIATE
1 METROPOLITAN SQUARE, SUITE 2600
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102

MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
1114 MARKET STREET, SUITE 602
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101

22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER

1114 MARKET STREET, ROOM 526

SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101

22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE 10 NORTH TUCKER, DIVISION 24 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101 2013-PRESENT

8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

#### Misdemeanor Criminal Trials:

1. State of Missouri vs. Jason Love, Cause No. 1222-CR04187 **Jury Trial – August 21-23, 2013** 

> **Attorney Representing State:** Beth Orwick, ACA

> > 1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

**Defense Attorney:** Tal Newton

> 7515 Delmar Blvd. Saint Louis, MO 63130

State charged Saint Louis Police Officer Jason Love with three counts of Misdemeanor Property Damage. After a three day jury trial, the defendant was found not guilty on all three counts.

2. State of Missouri vs. Isla Ballard, Cause No. 1222-CR00037 Jury Trial – November 6-7, 2013

> Attorney Representing State: Lisa Yemm, ACA

> > 1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

Pro Se (Sovereign Citizen) Isla Ballard

**ERDCC** 

272 Highway K

Bonne Terre, MO 63628

State charged defendant with one count each of Assault of Law Enforcement, Resisting Arrest, and Trespass 1st Degree. After a two day jury trial, the defendant was acquitted of count one, found guilty on counts two and three. Defendant received a suspended imposition of sentence and two years bench probation.

3. State of Missouri vs. Mika Sadler, No. 1222-CR04975 State of Missouri vs. Grover Mays, No. 1222-CR04976 Father and Daughter Joint Jury Trial – February 10-14, 2015

Attorney Representing State: Veronica Harwin, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorney: Scott Rosenblum

120 S Central #130 Clayton, MO 63105

After a St. Louis Cardinal Baseball game at Busch Stadium, the State charged Defendant Sadler, the daughter, with Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of Law Enforcement Officer and Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Defendant Mays, the father, with one count of Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of Law Enforcement Officer and four counts of Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. After a five day jury trial, Defendant Sadler was found not guilty on all counts and Defendant Mays was found guilty of one count of Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Defendant Sadler received a suspended imposition of sentence and thirty days bench probation.

#### **Felony Criminal Trials:**

4. State of Missouri vs. Lauren Harris, Cause No. 1222-CR05946-01 Bench Trial – September 10, 2013

Attorney Representing State: Anna Kratky, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorneys: Justin Mehan & Abdul Muhamed

2734 Lafayette

Saint Louis, MO 63104

State charged Defendant with two counts of Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The Court found the defendant not guilty of Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; guilty of two counts Misdemeanor Endangering the Welfare of a Child 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Defendant was sentenced to one year at the Medium Security Institution, the execution of the sentence was suspended and the defendant was put on bench probation for one year.

5. State of Missouri vs. Lawrence Baker, Cause No. 1122-CR06513-01 Jury Trial – September 23-25, 2013

Attorney Representing State: Katie Reichenbach, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorney: Robert Taaffe

1015 Locust #725

Saint Louis, MO 63101

State charged defendant with two counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance. After a three day trial, the jury found the defendant not guilty on both counts.

6. State of Missouri vs. Charlie Jackson, Cause No. 1322-CR02540-01 Jury Trial - August 18-19, 2014

Attorney Representing State: Cynthia Copeland, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorney: Christina Carr, APD

1114 Market Street, Suite 602 Saint Louis, MO 63101

State charged defendant with Domestic Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Jury found the defendant not guilty after two days of trial.

7. State of Missouri vs. Willetta Townsend, Cause No. 1222-CR04170-01 Jury Trial - September 2-3, 2014

Attorney Representing State: Mellissa Gilliam, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorney: Robert Taaffe

1015 Locust #725 Saint Louis, MO 63101

State charged defendant with Robbery 1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action.

After a two day trial, the jury found the defendant guilty on both counts. Defendant was sentenced to ten years at the Missouri Department of

Corrections.

8. State of Missouri vs. Rahsaan Mitchell, Cause No. 1322-CR03604-01 Jury Trial – October 22-23, 2014

Attorney Representing State: Brenna Kantrovitz, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorney: Robert Taaffe

1015 Locust #725

Saint Louis, MO 63101

State charged Defendant with Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. After a two day trial, the jury found the defendant guilty. Defendant was sentenced to five years at the Missouri Department of Corrections, the execution of the sentence was suspended and the defendant was put on supervised probation for five years.

9. State of Missouri vs. Michael Robinson, Cause No. 1322-CR05415-03 Jury Trial – October 29-30, 2014

Attorney Representing State: Michael Mueth, ACA

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defense Attorney: David Bryant, APD

1114 Market Street, Suite 602 Saint Louis, MO 63101

State charged defendant with Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Felony Stealing. After a two day trial, the jury found the defendant not guilty of Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Felony Stealing; guilty of the lessor included charges of Trespass 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Misdemeanor Stealing. Defendant was sentenced to one year at the Medium Security Institution.

#### Trial De Novo Trials:

10. City of Saint Louis vs. Elliot Dole, Cause No. 1222-CR04808
Bench Trial -

Attorney Representing City: Rory O'Sullivan, City Counselor

City Counselor's Office 1200 Market Street Saint Louis, MO 63103 **Defense Attorneys: Bevis Shock and Hugh Eastwood** 

> 1015 Locust #725 Saint Louis, MO 63101

Defendant was charged with violating Ordinance 17.07 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, 1994 (Red Light Camera Ordinance) that occurred on May 24, 2012. On September 6, 2013, this Court originally found the Defendant guilty of the Ordinance violation and imposed a \$100 fine over the Defendant's motion for acquittal. Defendant filed a renewed motion for acquittal in light of the recent Court of Appeals Eastern District decision in Univerferth v. City of Florissant, No. ED 98511 (September 10, 2013). The court granted a motion hearing on October 24, 2013. In light of *Unverferth*, this Court granted the Defendant's motion for acquittal.

(b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

#### During my tenure as a trial attorney at the Public Defender's office, I represented the defendant in the following jury trials as FIRST chair:

1. State of Missouri v. Chris A. Davis

Cause No. 22059-06960 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Paula P. Bryant, July 10-11, 2006

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Berlin Madison

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Possession of Marijuana. After a two day trial, the jury returned a not guilty verdict.

2. State of Missouri v. Otha Kyles

Cause No. 22069-02082 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Paula P. Bryant, July 31-August 1, 2006

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Alison Vunkannon

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Domestic Assault 3rd Degree. The jury returned a not guilty verdict after a two day of trial.

3. State of Missouri v. Marlon Graves

Cause No. 22069-02504 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Paula P. Bryant, September 18-20, 2006

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Berlin Madison

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Possession of Marijuana. The jury returned a guilty verdict after a three day trial and he was sentenced to 15 days at the Medium Security Institution. The sentence was suspended and the defendant placed on probation for one year.

4. State of Missouri v. Sandra McGee

Cause No. 22069-02740 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Paula P. Bryant, October 2-4, 2006

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Scott Stork

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Property Damage 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. After a three day trial, the jury returned a not guilty verdict.

5. State of Missouri v. Angela Mapp

Cause No. 22069-00023 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Paula P. Bryant, December 4-6, 2006

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Dan Finney

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Animal Neglect. After a three trial, the jury returned a not guilty verdict.

6. State of Missouri v. Keyona Martin

Cause No. 0622-CR00035 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Michael Stelzer, January 10-11, 2007

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Zachery Borawiak

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The jury returned a not guilty verdict after a two day trial.

7. State of Missouri v. Ike Buchannan

Cause No. 22059-00887 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Michael Stelzer, January 30-31, 2007

Opposing counsel:

Asst. Circuit Attorney Jason Steinmeyer

1114 Market Street, Suite 401 Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Trespass 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Resisting Arrest. The jury returned not guilty verdicts on both counts after a two day trial.

8. State of Missouri v. Jahmel Carev

Cause No. 22059-00964 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Michael Stelzer, January 22-24, 2007

Opposing counsel:

Asst. Circuit Attorney Jason Steinmeyer

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. After a three day trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict. The defendant was sentenced to 90 days in the Medium Security Institution.

9. State of Missouri v. Charles Miles

Cause No. 22069-00662 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Michael Stelzer, March 20-21, 2007

Opposing counsel:

**Asst. Circuit Attorney Jeff Coleman** 

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Possession of Marijuana. The jury returned a not guilty verdict after a two day trial.

10. State of Missouri v. Jahmel Carey

Cause No. 22059-04962 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Michael Stelzer, May 2-3, 2007

Opposing counsel:

Asst. Circuit Attorney Rachel Schwarzlose

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Domestic Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The jury was hung. The case was dismissed.

#### In the cases below I represented the defendant in a jury trial as SECOND chair:

1. State of Missouri v. Gus Grady

Cause No. 22041-03766-01 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Mark Neill, September 5-8, 2006

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Mary Pat Benninger

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

First chair: Asst. Public Defender Collette Lewis

1114 Market Street, Suite 602

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Forcible Sodomy, Kidnapping, two counts of Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Armed Criminal Action. After a four day trial, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all counts except Kidnapping. The defendant was sentenced to life in prison.

2. State of Missouri v. Irving Hall

Cause No. 22051-00215-01 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Jury tried before The Honorable Edward Sweeney, August 28-29, 2007

Opposing counsel: Asst. Circuit Attorney Dwight Warren

1114 Market Street, Suite 401

Saint Louis, MO 63101

First Chair: Asst. Public Defender Lyn Ruess

1114 Market Street, Suite 602

Saint Louis, MO 63101

The defendant was charged with Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Armed Criminal Action, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. After a two day trial, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty on Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Armed Criminal Action and the prosecution dismissed the Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

9. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? YES

10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed.

# As the DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER for the 22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT from October 2007 to March 2013, my duties were to:

- -preside over three Adult Drug Court dockets at the Carnahan Courthouse on Market Street;
- -preside over the Family Drug Court and two Juvenile Drug Court dockets at the Family Court Juvenile Division Courthouse on North Vandeventer;
- -preside over frequent status hearings during the initial phases of each participant's program to establish and reinforce the drug courts policies, ensure effective supervision of each drug court participant, give the participant a sense of how he or she is doing in relation to others, solicit information regarding participant's progress from every team member in attendance;
- -preside over a significant number of drug court participants at a single session in order to educate both the offender at the bench and those waiting as to the benefits of program compliance and consequences for noncompliance;
- -assume a leadership position, effectively lead the team and assume ultimate authority and responsibility for team decisions, while promoting a productive work environment where each team member can participate without fear, regularly review protocols and procedures to assure their continued applicability, effectiveness, and utilization;
- -lead the team to educate other members of the criminal justice system and the community on program goals and standards, act as a mediator to develop and maintain resources and improve interagency linkages, act as a spokes-person for drug court at various community events;
- -oversee the integrity of drug court program through quality assurance; disseminates information about drug court as frequently as possible;
- -supervise payment of fees, fines, and/or restitution as a part of participant's treatment. The judge supervises such payments and takes into account the participant's financial ability to fulfill these obligations and ensure that no one is denied participation in drug court solely because of inability to pay fees, fines, or restitution;
- -acquire a general knowledge of addiction, alcoholism, and pharmacology and apply that knowledge to respond to compliance issues in a therapeutically appropriate manner, and

-assist in collection of data regarding the drug courts impact on offender population, request and review process evaluation, ensure to reference original goals and objective when doing so, request and review outcome data, share positive information and address negative information resulting there from.

11. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court?

If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

### In the cases below I was appointed Special Judge by the Eastern District of Court of Appeals:

Jacqueline Smith v. Delmar Gardens of Creve Coeur, Operating LLC and Division of Employment Security
ED 98902 August 20, 2013
406 S.W.3d 95 (Mo. Ct. App. 2013)

The appellant appealed the decision by the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission which denied her unemployment compensation benefits after her termination by Delmar Gardens for alleged misconduct with her work. According to the facts found by the Commission, the Appellant refused to comply with the corrective instructions given by her employer; therefore we found that the Commission's decision to deny benefits was consist with Missouri Employment Security Law. We affirmed the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission. Judge Gary Gaertner, Jr. was the Presiding Judge. Judge Angela Quigless and I concurred.

State of Missouri v. Darin M. McCall ED98617 August 27, 2013 412 S.W.3d 370 (Mo. Ct. App. 2013)

The defendant appealed his conviction of attempt to manufacture a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. The defendant argued that there was insufficient evidence to support the jury's verdict. We found there was sufficient evidence from which the jury could find the element of possession in each of the three counts against the defendant. We affirmed the trial court. Judge Gary Gaertner, Jr. was the Presiding Judge. Judge Angela Quigless and I concurred. Application for transfer to the Missouri Supreme Court denied.

12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.

I have been a member of the legal community since 2001 when I accepted full-time employment at Armstrong Teasdale as a Patent Engineer. My duties were similar to those of a Patent Agent, assisting in the drafting of patent applications and amendments. After passing the patent bar while in law school, I became a Patent Agent. After passing the Missouri bar, I became a Patent Attorney and my duties increased to include preparation and prosecution of patent applications, amendments, and responses to office actions from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During my final year of law school, I was fortunate to take Trial Advocacy with Criminal Defense Attorney Brad Kessler and Civil Attorney Thomas Stewart. I received the Academic Excellence Award in Trial Advocacy and earned a spot on the Trial Advocacy Team. The skills I gained as a result of this experience enabled me to enjoy great success as an Assistant Public Defender when I joined the Missouri State Public Defender's Office in 2006. I served more than 400 indigent citizens charged in criminal matters. I secured either not guilty verdicts or hung juries in eight out of twelve jury trials as first chair. I litigated all aspects of the cases through disposition at the trial court level and prepared the cases for appeal.

While working in the Public Defender's office, I saw the devastating effects that drugs and alcohol have on our society. I was appointed by the Court en Banc of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit as Drug Court Commissioner on October 1, 2007 and reappointed on October 1, 2011. I presided over three Adult Drug Court dockets, the Family Drug Court, and two Juvenile Drug Court dockets. I made daily decisions about the acceptance, promotion, and retention of participants as well as managed a ten person drug court team. During Family Drug Court, I made evidentiary rulings and findings of fact, and prepared orders regarding the physical and legal custody of children exposed to drugs and alcohol.

I was appointed by Governor Nixon to serve as an Associate Circuit Judge on March 13, 2013. I currently preside over Division 25, a felony preliminary hearing division. In addition to presiding of the preliminary hearings, I am responsible for setting and modifying bonds and issuing search warrants. I previously presided over Division 24, a misdemeanor criminal jury trial division. During my time in Division 24, I presided over 53 misdemeanor and felony criminal jury trials (121 trial days) and took 475 criminal pleas.

Our circuit was short one associate and Division 24 was run like a division of general jurisdiction handling landlord-tenant and unlawful detainer actions, Trial de Novo matters, and petitions for review. I presided over a variety of civil cases, jury and bench, ranging from breach of contract, personal injury, and property damage cases totaling over 25 civil dispositions. In addition, I sat in Division 14, a family/domestic division, and handled uncontested divorces and child support matters.

Throughout my tenure in the legal profession, I have worked to ensure public confidence in our justice system by making it accessible, providing a zealous defense, and honoring the rule of law. I am confident that my legal experience both in front of and on the bench has prepared me for the duties of a Circuit Court Judge in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit.

13. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? NO

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:

14. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? **YES** 

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

NOBLE v. NOBLE
983-01013
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
22ND CIRCUIT COURT
PETITION FOR DIVORCE FILED: MARCH 1998
DIVORCE GRANTED: OCTOBER 1998

15. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? **NO** 

If yes, provide details:

16. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? NO

If yes, provide details:

- 17. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:
  - (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? **NO**If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:
  - (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary? **NO**

If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:

- (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? **NO**If yes, provide details:
- 18. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **NO**

If yes, provide details:

19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:

THE MISSOURI BAR

UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE (PATENT BAR)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT - EASTERN DISTRICT

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS BOARD MEMBER, 2008 – PRESENT PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2009 PRESIDENT, 2010 – 2012

BAR ASSOCIATION OF METRO SAINT LOUIS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MOUND CITY BAR ASSOCIATION

THE LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION

20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:

THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

SIGMA PI PHI FRATERNITY, ETA BOULE

SKINKER DEBALIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT, 2010-2012

21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? **YES** 

If yes, provide details:

#### ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE, MARCH 2013 - PRESENT

I was appointed by Governor Jay Nixon on March 13, 2013 and retained by the citizens in the November 2013 General Election.

#### DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER, OCTOBER 2007, OCTOBER 2011

I was appointed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court en Banc October 1, 2007 and reappointed October 1, 2011.

### SUPREME COURT ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT COURTS COMMITTEE APRIL 2008 - PRESENT

I was appointed April 2008 by Chief Justice Laura Denvir Stith. I work in conjunction with the Office of State Courts Administration, judges, and commissioners across the state to discuss issues/concerns regarding the effective use of alternative treatment courts.

22. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state:

UNITED STATES ARMY

1988-1992 – HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1996-2003 – HONORABLE DISCHARGE

23. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:

Saint Louis Brief, "Living the Jesuit Mission in St. Louis' Circuit Courts," by Francesca Jendusa-Cucuru, 2011. An article was published in the SLU LAW alumni publication detailing the contributions to the community of Comm. Anne-Marie Clarke ('73), Hon. Jimmie Edwards ('78), and myself ('04).

In 2011, the Saint Louis City Drug Court was awarded the <u>first ever</u> National Association of Drug Court Professionals "Cultural Proficiency Courage Award" for our commitment to diversity. I accepted the award on behalf of the court at the NADCP National Convention in Boston.

In 2014, I was selected to become a Barrister in the Theodore McMillian American Inn of Court at Saint Louis University School of Law. The mission of the Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills.

24. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:

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#### MICHAEL K. KIELTY, ESQ THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL KIELTY

60 HILL POINTE COURT SUITE 202 SAINT CHARLES, MO 63303 636.940-7771

#### M. KEITHLY WILLIAMS, ESQ DRUG COURT ADMINISTRATOR

22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DRUG COURT 1114 MARKET ST SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101 314.622-4924

#### 25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

#### Judicial related activities:

- Presenter/Faculty, The National Judicial College, "Co-Occurring Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders", Reno, Nevada, 2015
- Judicial Forum, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (MATA), 57th Annual Convention, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, 2015
- Trial Techniques Faculty, Kessler-Edison Program for Trial Techniques, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, 2015
- Panelist, Mound City Bar Ronda F. Williams CLE Conference and Retreat, "Jury Selection", Innsbrook, Missouri, 2015
- Presenter, The Nation Judicial College, "Fortifying Your Mental Health Court in an Ever-Changing Environment", WEBCAST, 2015.
- Presenter/Faculty, The National Judicial College, "Advanced Issues Involving Co-Occurring Disorders", Reno, Nevada, 2014
- Participant, George Mason University School of Law, Law & Economics Center, "Economics Institute for Judges", Arlington, Virginia, 2014
- Graduate (with distinction), The National Judicial College, "General Jurisdiction" Reno, Nevada, 2013
- Panelist, Women's Lawyer Association, "The Path to the Bench", Clayton, 2013
- Presenter, Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) Annual Training Conference, "RANT Pilots," Lake of the Ozarks, 2012
- Presenter, Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention Committee Symposium, "Building a Better System of Care to Prevent Substance Exposed Infants," Richmond Heights, 2011
- Presenter, MADCP Best Practices Training, "Eligibility Criteria," Frontenac, 2010
- Panelist, MADCP Annual Training Conference, "Best Practice for Drug Courts," Lake of the Ozarks, 2010
- Presenter, MADCP Annual Training Conference, "Due Process Concerns in Drug Court Practices," Lake of the Ozarks, 2010
- Panelist, MADCP Annual Training Conference, "Ethics in Drug Court Practices," Lake of the Ozarks, 2010
- Panelist, Urban League/STMPD, "Vashon Youth/Gang Summit," St. Louis, 2010
- Panelist, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), "Youth Town Hall," Clayton, 2009
- Presenter, 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Family court Juvenile Division, "Multidisciplinary Training for Child Abuse/Neglect Cases," St. Louis, 2008
- Participant, Office of State Courts Administrator, "New Judge Orientation," Jefferson City, 2008
- Participant, National Drug Court Institute, "Comprehensive Drug Court Judicial Training," Annapolis, 2007

#### RELEASE

The Honorable Judge Michael W. Noble – Judge Noble was raised in Saint Louis and graduated from Saint Louis University High School in 1984. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1988 and his Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law in 2004. He worked as a Patent Attorney for Armstrong Teasdale and an Assistant Public Defender in Saint Louis City. In 2007, Judge Noble was appointed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court en Banc to Drug Court Commissioner and reappointed in 2011. He was appointed by Governor Jay Nixon in 2013 to Associate Circuit Judge and retained by the citizens in the November 2013 General Election. Judge Noble resides in the Central West End with his wife and two children.

#### Judge Michael W. Noble

#### Background

Judge Michael W. Noble was appointed a Circuit Judge in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit on March 13, 2013. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1988 and received his JD from the Saint Louis University School of Law in 2004. He previously served as the Drug Court Commissioner from 2007 to 2013. He also worked as a patent lawyer and an assistant public defender. He is a member of the Missouri Bar, Patent Bar, Mount City Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan Saint Louis, and the Lawyers Association of Saint Louis. He is a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee in Treatment Courts, and a board member and past president of the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals.

#### Discussion

The survey of lawyers who practiced before Judge Noble returned overwhelmingly favorable responses, with no ratings less than a 4 on a 5-point scale; likewise, surveys returned by jurors who had served in Judge Noble's court were also overwhelmingly favorable with the lowest favorable return on one question of 97.4 percent and 7 out of the 10 questions being 100 percent favorable.

A review by the Committee of written opinions submitted by Judge Noble found that they were written in a knowledgeable and workman-like manner and were well found and based in law and fact, in view of the type of cases in which were decided by him. A survey of selected court personal who were chosen by Judge Noble to submit surveys were also favorable with the only unfavorable comment being that "he tried to do too much". One member of the committee, by chance, severed as a prospective juror in Judge Noble's court and found that the survey responses were well founded based on the manner in which he was observed to conduct his Court.

#### Recommendation

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Performance Evaluation Committee recommends that Judge Michael W. Noble BE RETAINED.